

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 19 have been cancelled, and claim 15 amended, such that claims 15-18, 20 and 21 are currently pending in this application.

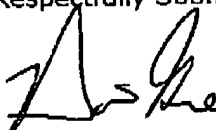
The Examiner rejected claims 1-18, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by International Publication No. WO 03/079196 to Little et al. (hereinafter "Little"), which is commonly assigned along with the present application to Research In Motion Limited of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to expedite examination of the present application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 15-18, 20 and 21 is requested for the following reasons.

The Examiner indicated that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the features of the base independent claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the features previously found in former dependent claim 19 (now cancelled), but not the intervening claims 16 and 18. It is respectfully submitted that the features of intervening claims 16 and 18 are not required to be included in amended independent claim 15 in order to distinguish over the cited art, and that incorporation of the features of former claim 19 into claim 15 results in subject matter that is novel and patentable. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims remaining in the application are also directed to patentable subject matter as, among other things, they depend from amended claim 15.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favourable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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